

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached set of drawings (3 pages) includes the addition of Figure 4 to address the Examiner's objection that the claimed feature "the mating connector component allowing alignment of the first contact elements with mating second contact elements of the mating connector component prior to their making mechanical contact with each other" is not shown. No amendments have been made to the other Figures in this application. No new matter has been added to the application.